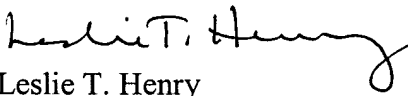


REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims are fully supported in the written description and claims as originally filed. Claims 12, 15, 18, 21, 25, 29, and 41 have been amended to depend from claim 7, which recites the monoclonal antibodies originally recited in these independent claims, and claims 50 and 53 have been amended to remove multiple claim dependency. These amendments are made solely in order to reduce excess claims fees upon national-phase entry, and are not to be construed as narrowing claim amendments made for purposes of overcoming issues related to patentability. Applicant expressly reserves the right to reinstate claims to any subject matter that may be encompassed by amendments made to change claim dependency and amendments made to claims 50 and 53 to remove multiple claim dependencies. Support for these claim amendments can be found throughout the specification as well as in the original claims. Accordingly, the foregoing amendments do not add new matter; their entry is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1-54 are now pending in the application. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned agent at the number provided. Prompt and favorable consideration of the foregoing amendments, and entry of the same into the present application prior to calculation of the claim fees, are respectfully requested.

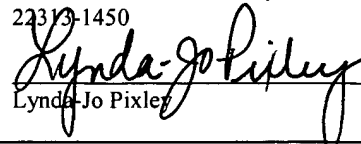
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